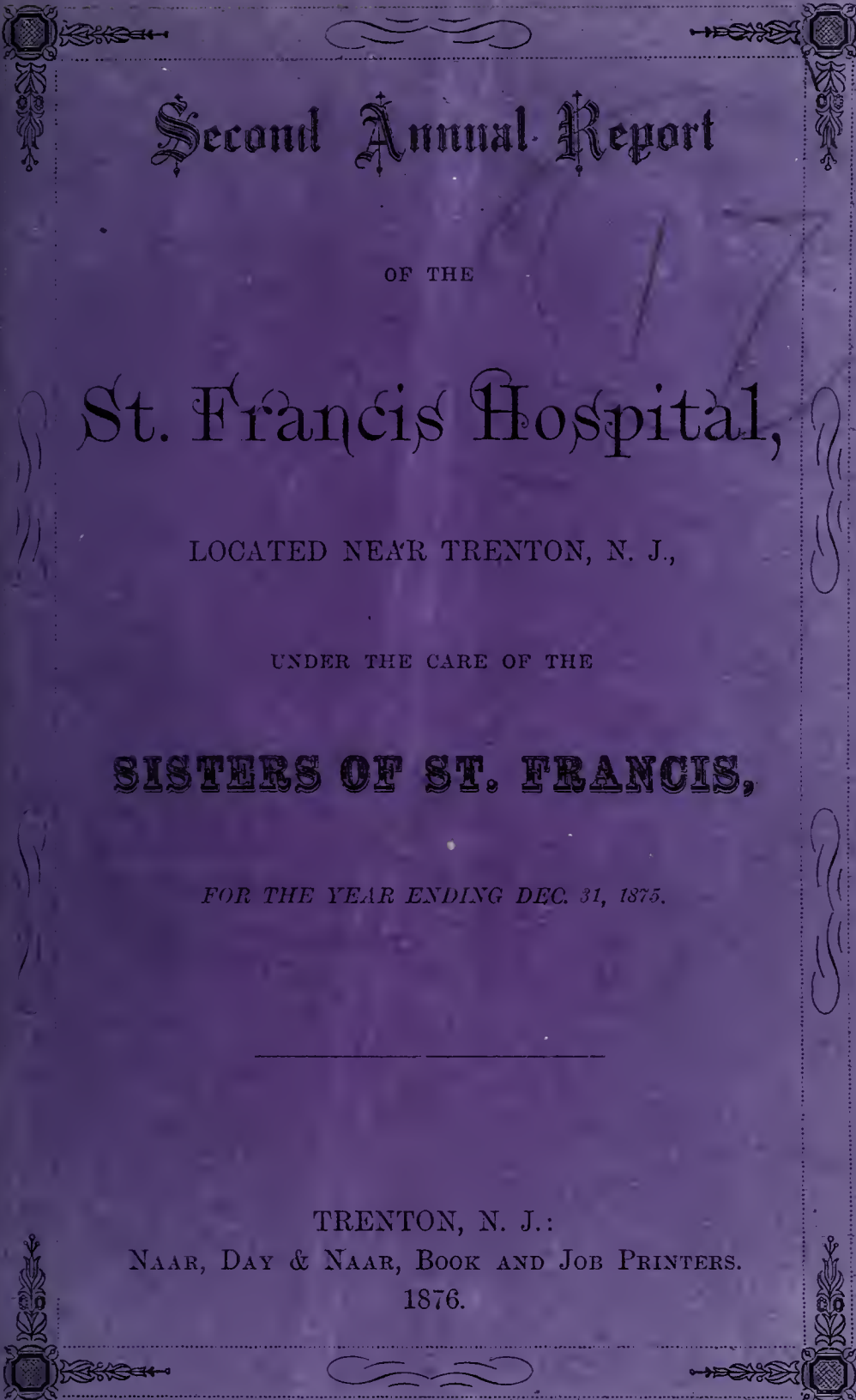




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O F F I C E R S
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ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL.

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL STAFF.

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JOHN WOOLVERTON, M. D.

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THOS. J. CORSON, M. D.

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CHAS. P. BRITTON, M. D.

PHYSICIAN IN CHARGE,
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CHAS. P. BRITTON, M. D.

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SISTER MARY HYACINTHA.

SOLICITOR,
JAS. S. AITKIN.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON-IN-CHIEF,
JOHN WOOLVERTON, M. D.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL.

St. Francis Hospital was incorporated by an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, at the Ninety-seventh session, approved by the Governor February 12th, A. D. 1873.

The following members constitute its Board at present:

PRESIDENT,

MARY BURGER (Sister MARY HYACINTHA).

TREASURER,

JOSEPHINE GRUBER (Sister MARY VERONICA).

SECRETARY,

ANNA FLUEGEL (Sister MARY ISIDORA).

TO THE BENEFACTORS AND FRIENDS

OF THE

ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL.

A year has elapsed since the first report of the St. Francis Hospital was issued, and again we feel called upon to show the work that we have done and the progress we have made, during the past year, as well as to thank our benefactors for the interest and kindness which they have exhibited towards our young and struggling institution, and to beg them for a continuance of their friendly care and support for the future.

During the year 1875, two hundred and eighty-two (282) patients were treated in the Hospital. To meet the demands, which the support of these numerous patients occasioned, necessitated the most active exertions on our part, and excited, the greater part of the time, the most anxious solicitude as to the means by which we would be able to satisfy the many claims pressing upon us. Trusting implicitly, however, in the Providence of an ever watchful and bountiful God, we hesitated not a moment in the work assigned us, feeling confident that we would not be disappointed.

Commencing with empty hands but trusting hearts, we have been able to pay for some necessary improvements, and for the support of the house. A great number of the patients (246) were supported gratuitously.

This successful labor has been accomplished through the beneficence of a comparatively few earnest and active friends, who, as the instruments of Divine Providence, have helped us, and we trust will continue to help us, to make happy the dying moments of the poor stranger, and to restore to health the languishing sick. May God bless and reward their charity.

We cannot fail here to express our gratefulness to the Medical Staff, who have so unremittingly devoted themselves to the care of the sick, at the cost and expense of so much time and labor, and without any compensation whatever.

For them, and for all our kind benefactors, generally, we shall ever pray that God may bless them here and give them in the next world that reward which their good deeds merit.

SISTER MARY HYACINTHA, O. S. F.,
Superioress.

NOTICE.—All contributions of articles or money will be gratefully received by the Sister Superioress, at the Hospital.

Statement of the Financial Condition
OF THE
ST. FRANCIS HOSPITAL,
To December 31st, 1875.

DR.

By cash received from various sources, - - -	\$7,586 46
Paid out for interest and maintenance of necessary improvements, - - - - -	7,468 86
Balance in Treasurer's hands Dec. 31, 1875, -	\$117 60

FORM OF BEQUEST

For those who wish to remember the Hospital by will.

I give, devise and bequeath unto "The Sisters of St. Francis, of Trenton, New Jersey," (here mention the amount or character of bequest) to be applied by them to the maintenance, support and benefit of the Hospital known as St. Francis Hospital, situated in Chambers street, near Trenton.

NOTICE.—No one is authorized to collect for the Hospital except the Sisters of St. Francis themselves, or those having a written authority with the corporate seal of the Sisters of St. Francis attached to it, and the public is hereby cautioned not to give to any one assuming to collect in their name.

MEDICAL REPORT.

To the Superioress of St. Francis Hospital :—

We have the honor of submitting to you the following statement of the cases treated in St. Francis Hospital during the year 1875 :—

Patients admitted during the year,	-	-	-	268
“ discharged, cured,	-	-	-	154
“ “ improved,	-	-	-	65
“ “ unimproved,	-	-	-	18
“ died,	-	-	-	11
“ remaining,	-	-	-	34
“ “ over from 1874,	-	-	-	14
“ treated during the year,	-	-	-	282

The causes of death were as follows :—

Bright's Disease of Kidneys,	-	-	-	-	1
Cancer of Liver,	-	-	-	-	1
Cirrhosis,	-	-	-	-	1
Hernia, (strangulated)	-	-	-	-	1
Heart Disease,	-	-	-	-	1
Injury, (railroad)	-	-	-	-	1
Phthisis,	-	-	-	-	4
Rupture of Bladder,	-	-	-	-	1

The nativities of the patients were as follows :—

Ireland,	-	-	-	-	-	195
Germany,	-	-	-	-	-	43
United States,	-	-	-	-	-	24
England,	-	-	-	-	-	14
Switzerland,	-	-	-	-	-	2
Scotland,	-	-	-	-	-	1

Canada, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Italy, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sweden, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Sex and social condition.—

Males, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	240
Females, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Single, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	213
Married, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69
Charity patients, -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	246
Pay " -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36

In submitting this, our second annual report, we have but little to add to the tabulated statement of cases, herewith presented. It speaks for itself, in language more forcible than anything we could say to those who would assist in sustaining an institution accomplishing so much good.

It will be noticed that two hundred and eighty-two patients were treated during the year just closed; almost three times as many as were in the Hospital during the preceding year.

This large increase necessarily extended the labors of the Sisters in attendance to a great degree. Their devotion to each individual case has, nevertheless, been just the same as heretofore, and we have found them always ready to lessen the sufferings of the afflicted, and smooth the passage of those whom death has called away.

Thus, the labor of love goes on, and we trust that as the record of each year is presented to them, our liberal-minded citizens will more thoroughly appreciate the importance of this good work, and by voluntary contributions, will abundantly sustain, in its increasing usefulness, an institution so long needed in this city.

Respectfully,

CHAS. P. BRITTON,

Secretary.

TABLE OF CASES

*Treated in St. Francis Hospital, near Trenton, N. J., from
January 1, 1875 to December 31, 1875, inclusive, with
Results of Treatment.*

DISEASE.	DISCHARGED.			Died.	Remaining.	Total.
	Cured.	Improved.	Unimproved.			
Abscess, Face.....	1					1
“ Hand.....	4	1				5
“ Lumbar.....			1		1	2
“ Psoas.....					1	1
“ Throat.....	1					1
Alcoholism.....		2	1			3
Amputation, Fingers.....	1	1				2
“ Toe.....	1					1
“ Arm.....	1					1
Anchylosis.....			1			1
Bright's Disease.....		1		1		2
Bronchitis.....	3	3				6
Burn.....					1	1
Cancer of Liver.....				1		1
Carbuncle.....					1	1
Chorea.....	1		1			2
Cirrhosis.....				1		1
Conjunctivitis.....	3	3	1		1	8
Coxalgia.....					2	2
Debility.....	1	1			4	6
Dementia.....		1	2		1	4
Diarrhœa.....	1					1
“ Chronic.....		2				2
Dysentery.....	3					3
Dyspepsia.....	5	5	2		1	13
Dislocation, Ankle.....	3					3
Epistaxis.....	1					1
Epilepsy.....		2	1			3
Erysipelas.....	5	1				6
Exostosis, Femur.....			1			1
Eczema.....	2				1	3
Fever, Intermittent.....	46	5				51
“ Remittent.....	2	1				3

DISEASE.	DISCHARGED.			Died.	Remaining.	Total.
	Cured.	Improved.	Unimproved.			
Frost Bite.....	1	...	...	...	...	1
Fracture, Humerus.....	2	...	...	...	...	2
“ Radius	3	...	...	...	...	3
“ Finger	1	...	...	...	...	1
“ Femur.....	1	...	...	...	1	2
Gastritis	...	1	...	...	...	1
Glandular Enlargement.....	...	...	1	...	...	1
Hernia, Reducible.....	...	2	...	...	...	2
“ Strangulated.....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Heart Disease.....	...	...	1	1	...	2
Herpes Zoster.....	1	...	...	...	...	1
Injury (Railroad).....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Jaundice	1	...	...	...	...	1
Menorrhagia.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Melancholia.....	...	...	...	...	1	1
Neuralgia	3	1	...	...	...	4
Old Age.....	...	...	...	...	3	3
Orchitis	1	...	...	...	...	1
Paronychia.....	4	...	...	...	...	4
Paralysis.....	...	...	...	...	2	2
Phthisis	...	3	5	4	5	17
Pleurisy.....	3	...	...	...	1	4
Pneumonia.....	3	1	...	...	1	5
Poison, Ivy.....	2	...	...	...	...	2
Psoriasis.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Rheumatism.....	12	5	...	...	4	21
Rupture of Bladder.....	...	...	...	1	...	1
Sciatica.....	...	1	...	...	...	1
Sprain	8	6	...	...	...	14
Stricture, Urethra	...	1	...	...	...	1
Synovitis	...	1	...	...	...	1
Ulcer, Toe.....	1	...	...	...	...	1
“ Leg.....	5	6	...	...	...	11
Wounds, Contused.....	13	6	...	...	1	20
“ Incised	2	...	...	...	1	3
“ Lacerated.....	2	...	...	...	...	2
Total.....	154	65	18	11	34	282

HOSPITAL RULES.

All applications for the admission of patients, must be made at the Hospital only.

Neither insane persons, nor those affected with contagious diseases, will, under any circumstances, be admitted.

Serious accident cases will be received without charge, if brought within twenty-four hours after the reception of the injury. Such cases, however, as may be able to defray the expenses of their treatment, will be required to do so. The Institution cannot afford to extend its gratuitous aid beyond the truly needy. Such accident cases as require surgical operation should be removed to the Hospital at once, or if this is not possible, should be attended by the Hospital Surgeons until such time as they can be removed.

Pay patients will, before admission, be required to pay two weeks' board in advance, and to assure its prompt payment thereafter at the close of each week. Sufficient under-clothing should be provided, in order that a clean condition may be maintained.

Charity patients will always be warmly welcomed. When they are without relations or friends, the Hospital will provide for them, and in case of death inter them decently. Where they have relations and friends, however, it will be necessary that provision be made for their removal, should they be found incurable, or in case of death, to inter them.

RULES FOR VISITORS.

Visiting days—Sunday and Thursday afternoons, from 2 until 5 o'clock.

All visitors must obtain permission of the Sister-in-Charge, to visit either the patients or Hospital.

Visitors are requested for obvious reasons to make their stay as brief as possible, and endeavor, as far as they can, to avoid loud talking, and in other ways, annoying the neighboring patients.

Visitors are cautioned not to introduce food or drink to the sick, without the consent of the Ward Sister, as much injury might thereby follow.

RULES FOR PATIENTS.

Patients are not to leave their own wards, nor visit the other wards without the permission of the Ward Sister.

Patients are to keep quiet; to be respectful to the nurses and physicians; to assist in executing the directions of the physicians as far as possible; to talk in a low tone, and to avoid, as much as they can, disturbing those around them.

Patients wishing "Leave of absence," will apply for such, to the Physician or Superioress-in-Charge, and leave being granted, they must return by 6 o'clock, P. M.

